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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S VISIT TO US

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- 1. REFTEL REPLY TO MY EARLIER MESSAGE WAS MUCH APPRECIATED AS IT WAS RECEIVED MORNING MAY 19 PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE FOR LARNACA TO SEE OFF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AND FONMIN ROLANDIS AND THEIR WIVES.
- 2. AS ENTIRE DIPLOMATIC CORPS HAD BEEN CONVOKED FOR DEPARTURE CEREMONY, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS, I ONLY MANAGED A MINUTE ALONG WITH FONMIN TO TELL HIM DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE THAT THEIR APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY BE KEPT FOR 5 P.M. ON MAY 24 BUT THAT SHOULD THIS CONFLICT WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S ADDRESS TO THE SSOD AN ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENT FOR A MEETING ON MAY 25 WOULD BE WORKED OUT IN NEW YORK. THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE SUCH THAT IT WAS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF POINTS OUTLINED IN PARA. 2 REFTEL.

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3. THE FONMIN ALSO INFORMED ME THAT HE AND THE PRESIDENT AND THEIR WIVES WERE PLEASED TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION THAT MY WIFE AND I HAD EXTENDED TO LUNCH IN BOSTON ON JUNE 3 FOLLOWING THEIR ARRIVAL FROM NEW YORK AT 12:30 THAT DAY.

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